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ROBERT J. BERTEE NAMED MICHIGAN HALL OF JUSTICE SECURITY DIRECTOR

LANSING, MI, February 4, 2004 – A veteran Michigan State Police official, Robert J. Bertee, has been named Director of Security for the Michigan Hall of Justice, the Michigan Supreme Court announced today. He succeeds Edmund K. Burke, who is retiring from the position.

Bertee, who has served with the Michigan State Police (MSP) since 1974, will oversee security operations and personnel at the Hall of Justice, which houses the Michigan Supreme Court, the Michigan Court of Appeals' District II, the State Court Administrative Office, Michigan Judicial Institute, and Learning Center.

"Jurists, court staff, and members of the public all use one very highly visible building in the state capital," said Chief Justice Maura D. Corrigan. "In a post-September 11 world, we have to be keenly aware of the security risks involved. We are confident that Robert Bertee has the expertise to meet those challenges."

Bertee began his law enforcement career in 1974 as a State Trooper. In 1977, he was promoted to the position of Detective Trooper Specialist with the MSP Criminal Investigation Division. He moved up through the Criminal Division, becoming Division Commander in 1996. Before accepting the Hall of Justice position, Bertee served as Lieutenant Colonel and Deputy Director of the MSP Investigative Services Bureau, overseeing over 1,000 personnel.

Bertee trained at the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy in Quantico, Virginia and has taken numerous courses in criminal justice, police science, police management, and other subjects. He has received the MSP Meritorious Service Citation, the Drug Enforcement Administration Outstanding Achievement Award, the FBI Outstanding Service Award, and the Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms Outstanding Achievement Award.

His professional associations include the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, the Central Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Association, the West Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Association, and the Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies. He is past president of the National Alliance of State Drug Enforcement Agencies. Bertee also serves on the executive boards of the High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area of Southeastern Michigan and the Mid-Atlantic Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network. He is the regional representative for Michigan, Ohio and Indiana on the Counterdrug Technology Assessment Center's Technology Transfer Program.

Bertee, his wife Therese, and their three children reside in DeWitt.

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